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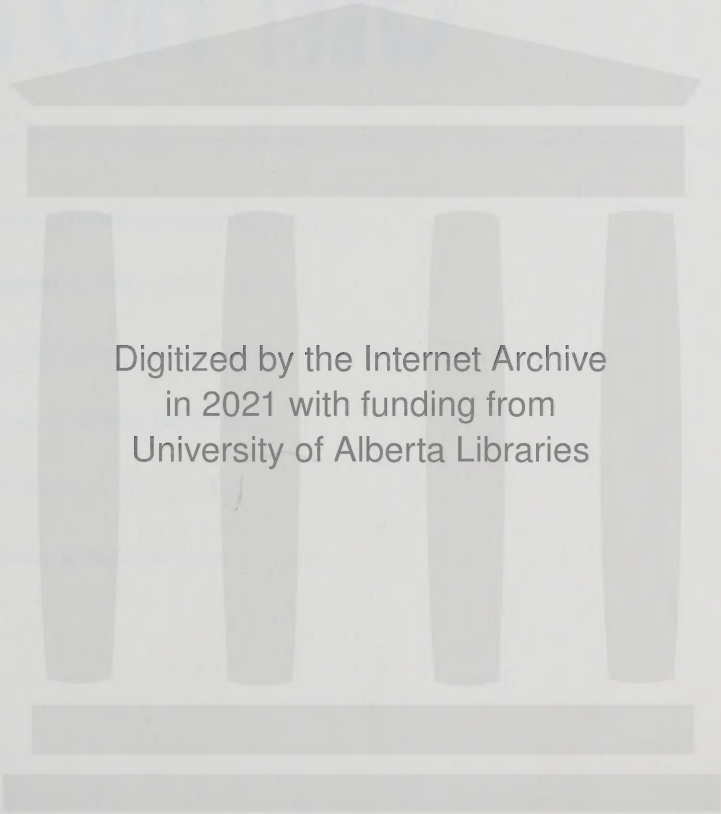

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# For Pat

Joe said, "No, no, Pat!
You can't play with the fish!"

Pat said, "I want the fish."

Joe saw a fish at school.
A blue and green fish!
He said, "I want to make a fish.
I want to make a blue and green fish."

Joe said, "See, Pat!
See the blue and green fish."

Pat said, "I want the fish."

Joe said, "You can have it."

Joe said, "No, no, Pat!
No, no!"

## I Have a Friend!

Betty said, "I don't want to go to school."

"Why?" asked Mother.

"Why?" asked Father.

"I don't want to," said Betty.

Betty looked at the school.
"I don't like it!
I want to go home," said Betty.

Ann said, "Oh, Betty!
Will you play with me?
I have a red and blue ball.
Will you play with me?"

Betty said, "I don't want to play ball.
I want to go home."

Ann said, "Don't go home.
I want you to play with me."

Betty said, "I like school!
I like school!"

"Why?" asked Mother.

"Why?" asked Father.

Betty said, "I have a friend at school.
That's why!"

## Sally Finds Out

"I'm a big girl," said Sally.
"I can cross the street."

"No," said Sue.

"No!" said Johnnie.

"Oh, no!" said Peter.

"Yes, I can," said Sally.
"I'm a big girl.
I go to school.
I can cross the street."

"No, you can't, Sally," said Sue.

"You can't cross the street,"
said Johnnie.

"You can't cross the street now,"
said Peter.

"Why not?" asked Sally.

Sally saw the policeman.
"Can I cross the street?"
she asked.
"I'm a big girl.
I go to school."

The policeman said, "Sally, you are a big girl.
But are you as big as a car?
Are you as big as a car, Sally?"

"Oh!" said Sally.
"That's why!
A car is big, big, big!
That's why I can't cross the street!"

# Who Likes Candy?

"Look at the candy!" said Bill.
"I like candy.
I wish I had a candy store."

"Yes, look at it," said Joe.
"I like candy too.
I wish I had a big, big candy store!"

"It's my birthday," said Tom.
"See what I have.
What will I get?"

"Candy!" said Bill.

"Candy!" said Joe.

Tom said, "I can eat all day."

Bill said, "I can eat candy all day."

Joe said, "I can eat candy all day and all night."

M-m-m-m-m! Good!

Bill said, "The candy was good, Tom. But . . ."

Joe said, "The candy was good, Tom. But . . ."

Tom said, "It was good candy. But . . ."

## What the Family Did

"It's a school holiday," said Betty.

Father said, "It's a holiday for me, too.
What can we do?"

Peter said, "Go to the zoo.
I want to go to the zoo!"

Mary said, "The zoo is no fun."

Johnnie said, "Let's go for a ride."

Tim said, "Let's not."

Joe said, "I want to play ball."

Mother said, "What do you want to do, Betty?"

Father said, "What do you want to do, Mike?"

Mike said, "I don't know."

Betty said, "You like to eat!
I like to eat.
Let's have a picnic."

Mother said, "Yes!
Let's have a picnic.
Johnnie wants a ride.
We can ride to the park.
Peter likes the zoo.
We can see animals in the park.

Joe and Tim and Mike and Dad want to play ball.

They can play in the park.
And we all like to eat.
We can eat in the park."

The baby said, "Me, too!"

## Peter Helps

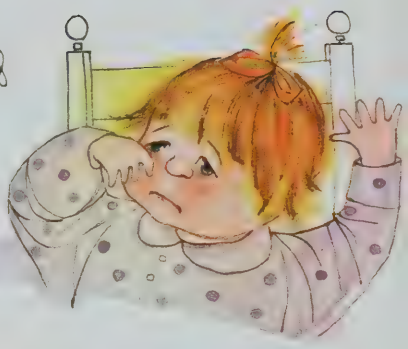
Peter asked, "What can I do,
Mother?
I don't want to play.
I don't know what to do!"

Mother said, "Will you help me, dear?
Will you help with the baby?"

"What can I do?" asked Peter.

Mother said, "I don't know!
But do something."

Peter said, "What can I do?
I can do this . . .



I can do this . . .

I can do this . . .

But I can't help the baby."

Mother said, "You are a big help."

Peter said, "What did I do?"

## What Susan Saw

Susan said, "Look, Mother!"

Mother said, "A robin's feather!
Did you see the robin?"

"No," said Susan.
"Can I see it?"

Mother said, "You can see the robin. Come with me."

Mother asked, "Can you see it?"

"Yes, yes!" said Susan.
"I see four baby robins!
And I see two big robins.
They are the father and mother."

"Yes," said Mother.

"They get worms for the baby robins. Baby robins get hungry.

Four baby robins want worms, worms, worms, worms, worms!"

Susan said, "I get hungry too!
But I don't like worms."

Mother asked, "Why not?"

"I'm a girl," said Susan.
"Not a robin!"

## No Supper!

The three Brown children said,
"Mother, are we hungry!
When can we eat?"

Mother said, "I don't know.
I can't make supper for you now."

Molly said, "But we want our supper."

Ronnie said, "Make supper for us, Mother.
We are so hungry."

Mother said, "Yes, I know.
But I have to feed the baby."

"Oh!" said Molly.

"Oh!" said Ronnie.

"O.K.," said Sam.

Molly said, "I know.
Let's help our mother.
We can't feed the baby.
We can't cook.
But we can set the table."

"O.K.," said Sam.

## Somebody

"I can't find my blue hat," said Dick.
"Somebody took my hat."

"Oh, dear," said Mother.
"Again?"

Alan said, "I can't find my green rubber boot!

Somebody took my green rubber boot."

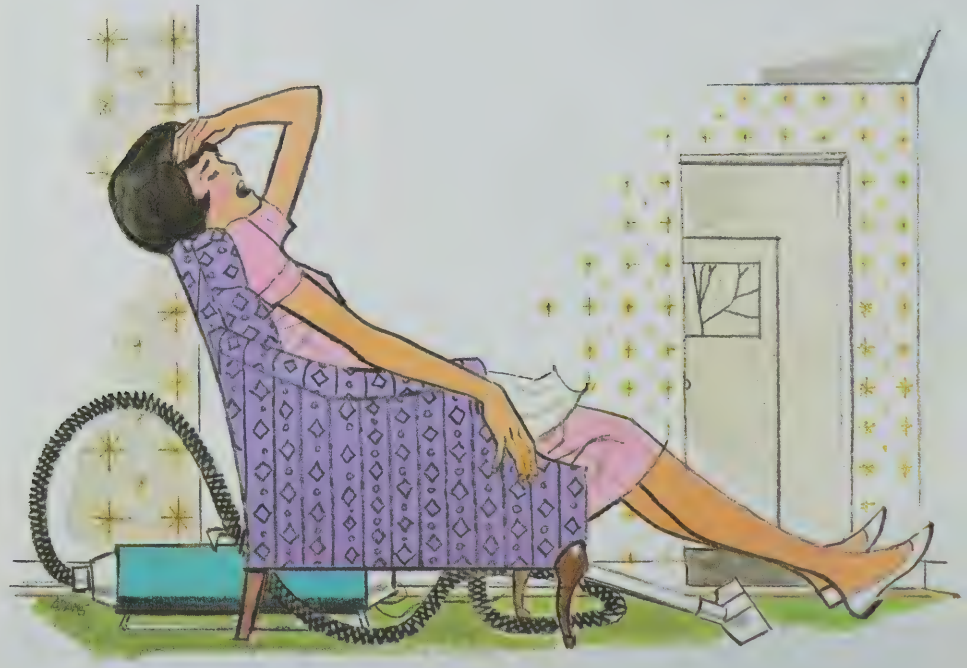
"And I can't find my red mittens," said Jean.

"Somebody took my red mittens. I know it!"

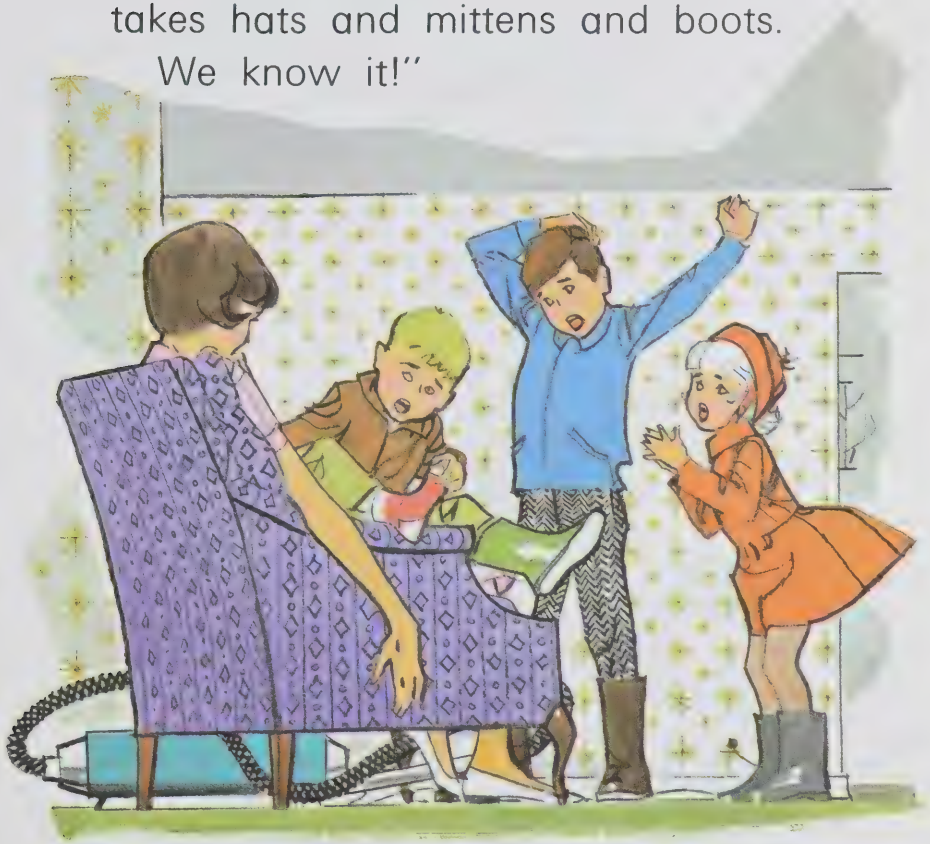
"Oh, dear! Oh, dear!" said Mother.

Dick said, "But somebody did take my blue hat.
You know it, Mother!"

Mother said, "No, I don't know it.
What can I do with you three?"



The children said, "But somebody takes hats and mittens and boots.
We know it!"



Mother said, "Dick, Somebody did not take the hat.
You had the hat.
Not Somebody."

"Alan," said Mother, "Somebody did not take the boot.

You had the boot.

Not Somebody.

Jean, Somebody did not take the mittens.

You had the mittens.

Not Somebody.

Now you three find the hat and the boot and the mittens.

Somebody won't.

And I won't."

## The Wild West Sheriff

Tony said, "I have Wild West clothes!
Now I can play Wild West.
But I have no Wild West horse!"

Tony found an old broom.
"Come on, horse!" said Tony.
"Get up, get up and go!"

His horse didn't say a thing.

Tony said, "I have good clothes.
I have a good horse.
But I have no Wild West hat.
I have to find a hat."

Tony found his father's big old hat.

Tony said, "Now I can be
a Wild West sheriff!".
He got on his horse.
"Come on, horse, get up and go!
I have to find a Wild West robber!
Come on, horse!" → 105

His horse didn't say a thing.

"Whoa! Whoa!" said Tony.
"I have to find a rope.
A rope for the Wild West robber."

Tony found a rope.
"Now I have everything, horse!
I can be a Wild West sheriff.
And I can get a Wild West robber.
Come on, horse!
Come on, get up and go, go, GO!!"

And do you know what?
HIS HORSE DID!

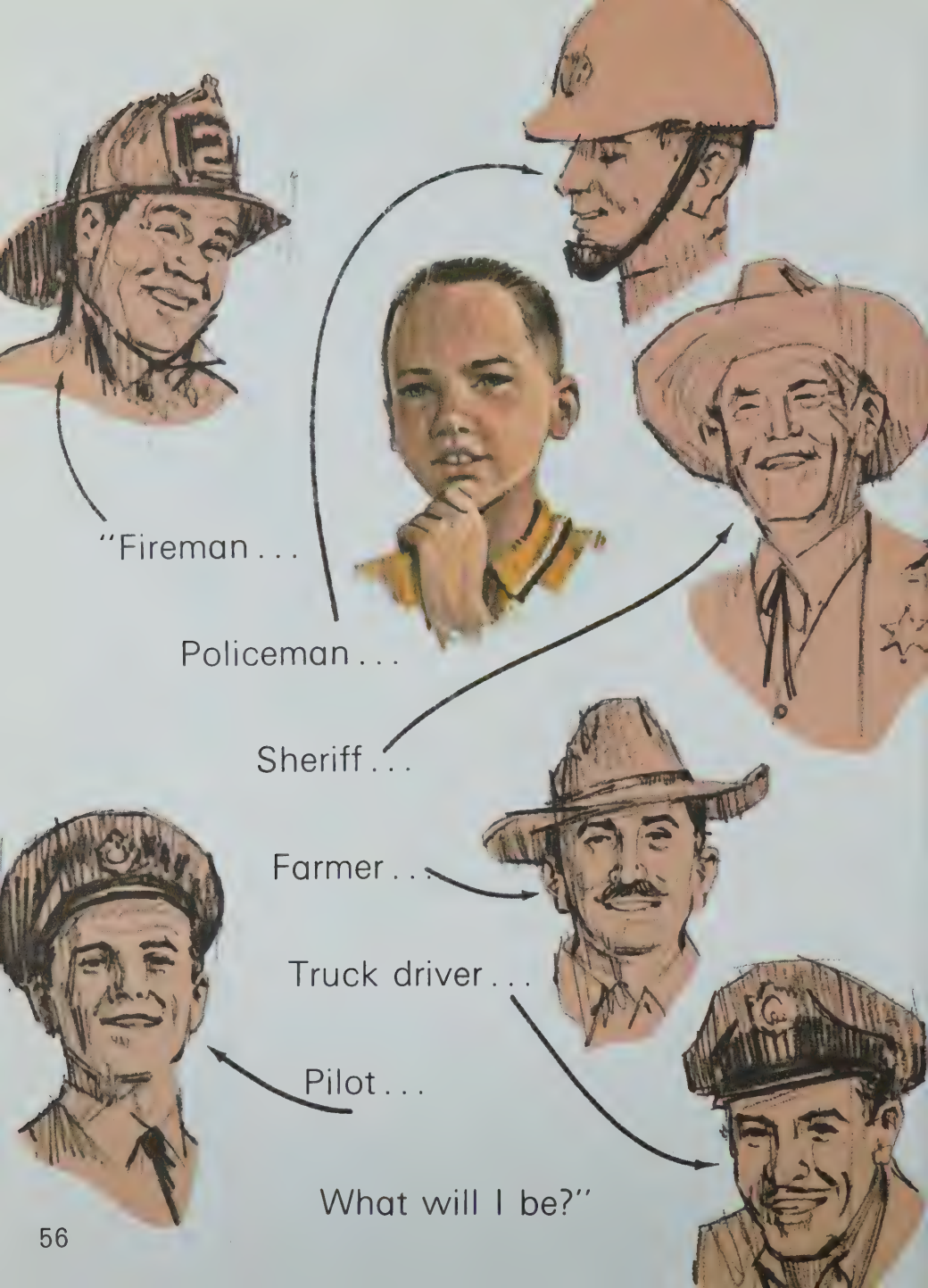
## What Will I Be?

Ken said, "Look up.
Look up at the big airplane.
My dad is on it.
He is on the airplane."

Ken said, "Hi, Dad!
Did you like the airplane?
Did you see the pilot?
I want to be a pilot.
I want to go up in an airplane."

"A pilot!" said his dad.
"Do you want to be a pilot?
You wanted to be a policeman."

"Yes," said Ken.
"I do want to be a policeman.
But I want to be a pilot
in an airplane, too."


"Fireman . . .
Policeman . . .
Sheriff . . .
Farmer . . .
Truck driver . . .
Pilot . . .
What will I be?"

# A Dog for Sam

Sam wanted a dog.
He said, "Please, Mother!
Can't I have a dog?
A dog to run and play with?"

Mother said, "No, Sam.
No dog."

"A little dog to run with me?"
said Sam.

Mother said, "No, Sam.
You won't look after a dog.
I can't look after a dog.
Dad can't look after a dog."

"But I will look after it! I will!"
said Sam.

"No, Sam. No dog."

Sam said, "I'll look after Rover.
I'll take him for a run.
I'll feed him."

And he did.

Sam asked, "Can I have a dog?"

What did Mother say?

## Polar Bear

A polar bear is white.
A polar bear is enormous.
Where is this polar bear's home?
It is in the zoo.
This enormous white polar bear is in the zoo.

Where is this polar bear's home?
His home is in the north.
The polar bear likes the north.
He likes the cold.
He likes the ice and snow.
He is as white as the snow.
He looks like the snow.

## The Pile of Sand

Wendy and Donna found a big pile of sand.

It was white, white sand.

Wendy said, "Look at the white sand! Let's take some."

"Yes, let's take some home," said Donna.

They ran home to get sand pails.
They were excited.
They ran again and again
to the big sand pile.
It was fun.

But . . . Mr. Scott saw Wendy and Donna.

He said, "What are you girls doing? Where are you going with my sand?"

He was very, very angry.

"We didn't know it was your sand,"
said Donna.

"Well, it is!" said Mr. Scott.
"You take your pails.
You go home and get all my sand."

So they did.
But it was not fun now.

## Around the World

Do you know where I went?
I went around the world!
I went in a big red balloon.
Up, up, up, I went!

Do you know where I went?
I went around the world too!
I went around the world
in a helicopter.
Bzzz . . . bzzz . . . bzzz . . .
the helicopter went.

Well, I went around the world too!
But I did not go in a helicopter.
I did not go in a balloon.
I went in a big, big airplane.
The airplane went up, up, up, and up!

And I went around the world!
Not in a balloon.
Not in a helicopter.
Not in an airplane.
I went around the world in a boat!

Can you go around the world?
How can you go?

## Fly Away, Butterfly

Jane and Jack were going to school.

Jane said, "See what I have."

Jack said, "See what I have."

Billy and Nancy were going to school.

Billy said, "See what I have."

Nancy said, "See what I have."

Terry said, "What can I take to school?

I know!
A butterfly!
I'll take a butterfly."

Terry ran.
He ran and ran.
But he did not get the butterfly.

"The butterfly is so pretty,"
said Terry.
"And it likes to fly.
It can't fly at school.
Fly away, butterfly.

Now, what can I take?"

## Who Likes Work?

Mary said, "I don't like to work.
I like to play.
When I get big, I'm going to play all day.
I won't work at all."

"I want to work," said Patty.
"I want to be a nurse.
She helps sick people.
I like her work.
I don't want to play all day."

"Well, I do," said Mary.

"And I want to work," said Kim.
"I want to be a ballet dancer.
She dances for people.
I like her work.
I don't want to play all day."

"Well, I do," said Mary.

"And I want to work," said Jill.
"I want to be a hairdresser.
She makes my mother pretty.
I like her work."

Mary said, "Well, I don't like to work.
Maybe I will when I grow up.
But I don't think so."

## Going to the Moon

"Wheeeeee!" said Jimmy.
"Look at the rocket!
It's going to the moon.
It will go up, up, up.
I am going on the rocket.
Who wants to go with me?"

"Well, I don't," said Lucy.
"I don't want to go on your old rocket."

"Don't you want to see the moon?" asked Jimmy.

"Who is on the moon?" asked Lucy.

"I don't know," said Jimmy.
"Maybe blue people.
Maybe red cats and green dogs.
I want to see.
I want to go up, up, up,
and down, down, down!
Wheeeeee!"

"Well, go on," said Lucy.
"Go on your old rocket.
I don't want to go."

"Okay," said Jimmy. "Moon, here I come.

Bzzzzz! Here I go!"

"Good-bye," said Lucy.

## Davie's Shadow

"Do you see me?" asked Davie.
"Will Polly find me?"

Lynn said, "Don't talk,
and Polly won't find you."

"Did you see Davie?" asked Polly.
"Do you know where he is?"

"I can't tell," said Lynn.

Polly looked and looked.
She did **not** see Davie.
But she **did** see something.
"I know where you are, Davie,"
she said.
"Come on."

"How did you know where I was?" asked Davie.

"Did Lynn tell you?"

"No, Lynn did not, but your shadow did," said Polly.

## Peculiar George, the Dragon

Once upon a time there was
a good dragon.
All the dragons called him
Peculiar George because
. . . he didn't spit fire
. . . he didn't eat people
. . . he didn't g-r-r-growl.
He didn't do anything bad at all.
That was very peculiar.
That wasn't at all like a dragon.

Peculiar George liked to talk to people.

He liked to play with people.

But the people didn't know that.

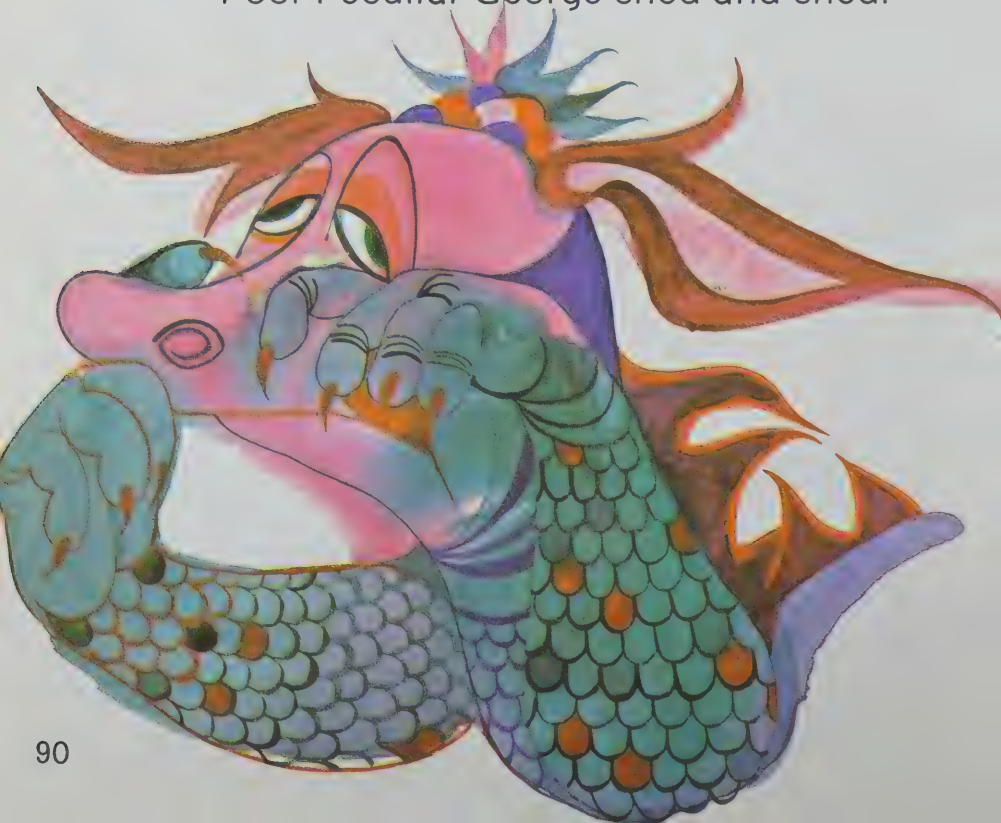
They said, "All dragons are bad!

All dragons spit fire and growl.

All dragons eat people!"

And the people ran away from Peculiar George.

Poor Peculiar George!
He said, "What can I do?
Nobody will talk to me.
Nobody will play with me.
Not the dragons.
Not the people.
I wish I had a friend!
Maybe a little boy?
But I don't know a little boy."
Poor Peculiar George cried and cried.



Jack Jones was going by.
He saw Peculiar George.
Jack saw his big green eyes.
He saw how sad he was.
Jack said, "Look at the poor old dragon!
He is crying."
Jack said, "Cheer up, old dragon.
Can I help you?
Come on and play with me."

Peculiar George looked up.
He said, "A boy!
And he is not afraid of me.
He is not afraid of me at all!
I'm not pretty.
But this boy is not afraid of me."
And he said to Jack,
"Oh, yes, I will play with you.
Hop on my back!"

And off they flew!

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